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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Continuation Patent Application Of:  
Ronald Samuel Blackhurst

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) Application No. 09/294,215  
) Filed: April 16, 1999  
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Mailed: March 13, 2001

) Present Application:  
) Examiner: Not Assigned  
) Art Unit: Not Assigned  
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For: ROTARY BARREL MIXER  
AND ASSEMBLY

**CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

Box Patent Application  
Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a continuation application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/294,215 which is a continuation application of International Patent Application No. PCT/GB97/02840, filed October 15, 1997, and British Application No. 9621632.0, filed October 17, 1996. The parent application was filed by Applicant Ronald Samuel Blackhurst, and is entitled "Barrel Mixer."

**Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications**

The attached continuation application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications, as indicated below.

**Papers Enclosed**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d), the specification filed herewith contains no new matter. Accordingly, Applicant encloses the following papers:

The papers attached are as follows:

- 9 page Patent Application (including 6 Claims);
- 3 pages of formal Drawings containing Figures 1 - 6;
- Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449;
- A copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from U.S. Application No. 09/294,215;
- A copy of the Assignment of the parent application filed with the U.S. Patent Office on December 5, 2000;
- PCT application as published with International Search Report; and
- International Preliminary Examination Report.

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### Incorporation by Reference

The entire disclosure of the prior applications, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

### Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same as that for the parent application.

### Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

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### Relate Back--35 U.S.C. 120

As required under 35 U.S.C. 120, the Specification of the attached application has been amended to include the following specific reference to the earlier filed parent application:

#### "Related U.S. Application Data

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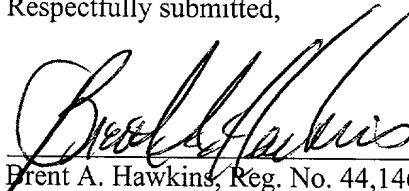
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**Enclosures:**

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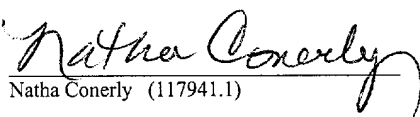
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